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Supervision and cost of labour societies.

* 443 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of labour societies formed up to date and how many out of them are still working;

(*b*) the total amount lent to them by Government and how much out of it has been recovered, and how much is overdue and how much has been written off; and

(*c*) the number of inspectors and peons and higher officials employed to form and supervise the working of the labour societies and their annual cost to the Government?

A.—It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to Co-operative Societies for the Depressed Classes.

(*a*) 1,810 such societies were working on 1st April 1930.

(*b*) The statement below gives the advances and recoveries during the last ten years:—

Year.	Advances.	Recoveries.
	RS.	RS.
1920–21	1,04,543	73,728
1921–22	1,40,340	87,886
1922–23	93,005	63,418
1923–24	4,29,465	1,89,732
1924–25	2,07,542	76,748
[a]1925–26	5,53,611	1,30,098
1926–27	5,29,283	60,180
1927–28	51,252	1,21,897
1928–29	49,377	52,589
1929–30	63,068	66,218

The amount of loan overdue on 1st April 1930 was Rs. 3,42,115 and the amount written off up to that date was Rs. 94,695-4-9.

(*c*) 1 Deputy Registrar, 144 Inspectors, 1 clerk, and 14 peons. The annual cost is Rs. 1,62,814.

Action taken by the Government on the Report of the Whitley Commission.

* 444 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what action, and when, the Government propose to take on the recommendations contained in the Report of the Whitley Commission as far as they concern the Local Government?

A.—The recommendations of the Commission are under examination.

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[a] Includes also advances given and recoveries made in regard to loans to individuals also.